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Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE VERAPAMIL  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FREE OF FOOD  
EFFECT AND A METHOD FOR ALLEVIATING FOOD  
EFFECT IN DRUG RELEASE

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**Office Action Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

This is Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, for which the shortened 3-month statutory period for response expired on March 8, 2004. With a three-month extension, reply is timely on or before June 8.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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